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Mr. Bill Kulke, Chairman  
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**Re: GDOT Adoption of the Transit Planning Board (TPB)  
Regional Transit Vision - Concept 3**

Dear Bill:

Congratulations on becoming the GDOT Chair and on the tremendous progress that has recently been made at GDOT. As the GDOT Chair, let me welcome you as the newest member of the Transit Planning Board (TPB). I am hopeful that you can join us for the remaining Board meetings scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 11, 2008. Since you do not live in the Atlanta area, TPB Staff can arrange for you to participate in these meetings via conference call or you may choose to appoint someone to attend in your place. However, anyone you appoint cannot vote for you during any official Board actions.

The TPB is a special purpose entity created by MARTA, GRTA and ARC. We are charged with developing a broadly supported regional transit vision, a regional transit governance structure and a financial strategy. For the past two years, the TPB has led the regional effort to develop a vision for transit in metropolitan Atlanta. This vision known as Concept 3 is a comprehensive, big picture plan for a multi modal transit system that seamlessly connects our region with transit. Thus, making transit a readily available travel option and helping to relieve traffic congestion. The vision has been properly vetted with the public during an eight month regional awareness and informational campaign.

Concept 3 was officially adopted by the TPB at our August 25, 2008 meeting. We have asked our partner agencies MARTA, GRTA and ARC to also adopt Concept 3. As such, we would like to ask the GDOT Board to also adopt Concept 3 as the Vision for transit in the Atlanta region. The work of the TPB is almost over and will sunset in December of this year. During our remaining time, we are focusing our efforts on developing a regional transit governance structure as well as a funding plan to implement the vision. We are hopeful GDOT will be an active participant in these efforts.

I am enclosing some basic materials on the TPB and the Regional Transit Vision (Concept 3). Please check our website ([www.tpb.ga.gov](http://www.tpb.ga.gov)) for more materials. The TPB Staff Director, Ms. Cheryl King, and her team would be glad to brief you and answer any of your questions. You can reach her at (404) 463-0311 or by email [cking@tpb.ga.gov](mailto:cking@tpb.ga.gov).

Sincerely,  
TRANSIT PLANNING BOARD

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